GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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UPGRADATION OF REFINERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade refineries to produce desulphurised fuels; and

(b) the time by which the desulphurised fuel is likely to be available in the entire country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Nine refineries have installed Diesel Hydro Desulphurisation (DHDS) facilities for desulphurising diesel fuel from 1.0% max to 0.25% max sulphur content.
The sulphur content in petrol has also been reduced from 0.2% to 0.1% max w.e.f. 1.4.2000 as per BIS 2000 fuel specifications.
Further, industry is supplying 0.05% max sulphur petrol to all categories of petrol vehicles and 0.05% max sulphur diesel, to all new non-commercial diesel driven vehicles in NCR w.e.f. 1.4.2000.

(b) 0.25% max sulphur diesel and 0.1% max sulphur petrol is available in the entire country since 1.1.2000 and 1.4.2000 respectively.